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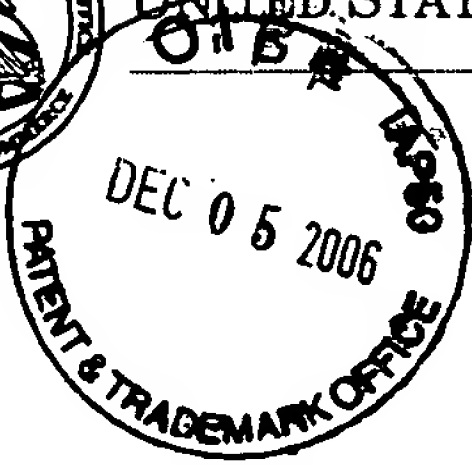
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Application No. 09/458,280  
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Attorney Docket No. VAC.331.1

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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition, filed February 14, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

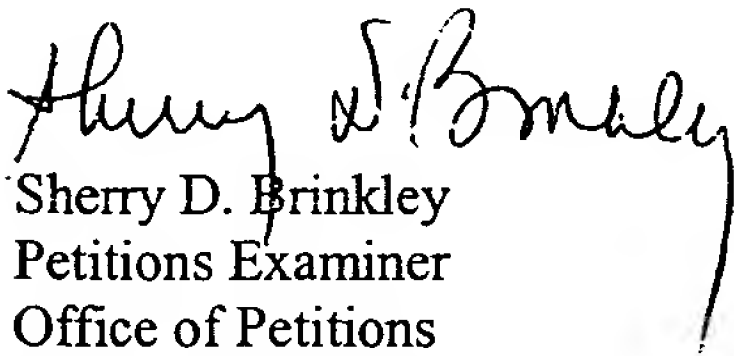
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

***Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on January 21, 2005, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.***<sup>1</sup>

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3764 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

  
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